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For: DEVICE FOR FASTENING A) Confirmation No.: 1614
DISTRIBUTION COMPONENT)
ON A VESSEL NECK)
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Official Action Paper No. 4 dated May 9, 2003.

An attached Transmittal Letter presents a fee calculation and authorizes a charge to a Deposit Account if required.